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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Pasta Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

There were twenty applicants for the job of city clerk of Galatin.

Pemiscot county is to have a fair this fall. It will be the second effort to support a county fair.

A move is on foot to revive the long slumbering Ray county fair, which has not been held since 1873.

Sarcoux takes its place among the lily white towns of the state. There is not a negro resident in the town.

Up at Jackson in Cape Girardeau county there has been an epidemic of diphtheria fever for some time.

A \$40,000 modern hotel is promised Edina by a landlord who has made a success of the business there.

Caruthersville is to enjoy a building boom this year and several expensive business houses are already contracted for.

An impressionist story comes from Boonville where a white man and a black woman have been sent to jail for stealing a yellow hen.

The first breach of promise suit ever filed in Iron county has just been brought against a farmer there by a young woman at Des Arc.

"A 'u' for an 'I' did it," was the Chilhowee Blade's explanation of a typographical error which let it be known that "the table decorations were punk."

In the trial of a whiskey case at Sedalia a witness was asked if he took cognizance of the man who sold him the liquor. "I took the same as the others," was his reply.

The citizens of Harrison county defeated the proposition to build a new court house at the county seat in an election held last Thursday by a majority of 919 votes.

The town government of Bronaugh is so anxious to get all the tin cans of the town in one pile, that a gold watch will be given to the boy who adds the greatest number of cans to the heap.

A. Marcus, a respectable and honored citizen of Callaway county, is 86 years old, never wore a pair of overhoses, and notwithstanding he hears the snort of the iron horse daily, he never rode on a train.

Why anyone should wish to kill pelicans defies answer, but the fact remains that a Montrose hunter shot four big white ones the other day while out hunting. Even the stork would not be safe in range of such a hunter.

"Uncle" Henry Fair has been treasurer of Adrian county for over thirty years, and his accounts have always balanced except one year when his books were one cent off and his neighbors had a good laugh on him.

At Ironton last week a suit was tried in which Edward Christman sued the City of Dexter for \$2000 on a contract for sinking a deep well in Dexter. The city acknowledges owing Christman \$400 for water screen and deposit of earnest money.

A woman was arrested and fined in Maryville for trying to sell chances on a diamond ring, she was proposing to raffle off.

The St. Francois county board of equalization raised assessments of mining companies in that county more than \$1,000,000.

A special census of Cape Girardeau will be taken soon, and Charles T. Lewis has been appointed by Gov. Major to do the work.

A blind horse fell through an open door into the cellar of a Jackson home one day last week and it took much work to get him out again.

A postoffice at Steele and one at Holland, Pemiscot county were burglarized Friday night, April 21. About \$500 in money and stamps was secured.

W. H. Garanto, formerly of New Madrid, was declared guilty yesterday in Little Rock, Ark., of misapplying the funds of his bank there. The sentence carries with it a term in the penitentiary.—Morehouse Hustler.

Say, folks, the prescription marathon in Missouri has been easily won by Don Bradford, a Columbia physician, who is accused by the prosecuting attorney of writing 3,500 whiskey prescriptions during 1915.—Henry County Democrat.

A state-wide campaign for fire prevention was inaugurated at Cape Girardeau April 26. Prominent business men from all over the state were in attendance. Cape Girardeau was selected because of its recent heavy loss from destructive fires.

Louis Drennan, an aged shoemaker of Matthews, fell from the sidewalk at the corner of Front and North New Madrid streets in Sikeston about eight o'clock Tuesday evening and broke his right leg between the knee and thigh.—Sikeston Herald.

Two physicians in Kansas City had their licenses revoked this week by the state board for selling morphine, heroine and cocaine to those who had formed the drug habit. One of their licenses were revoked for a period 590 years and the other one for 290. Gee! they will be old men when they can again prescribe.

At Charleston last week Odie and Steve Rogers, brothers, charged with killing L. B. Pritchard were found guilty of murder in the second degree. Odie was given 10 years in the penitentiary and Steve 11 years. Devotee Ross was tried as an accomplice to the crime and was acquitted. Steve Reeves admitted having struck the blow which caused Pritchard's death.

"My client married himself out of court," was the explanation an attorney gave the Jefferson City Post when it wanted to know why a slander suit in the circuit court there had been dropped. The plaintiff in the suit to win had depended on the testimony of a young woman to prove his case. One day last week he married her and then his attention was called to the Missouri statute to the effect that a wife cannot testify either for or against her husband in a civil suit.

The board of equalization of Cape Girardeau county made a ten per cent raise in assessed valuation and the county is said to be now \$50,000 in debt.

Informations have been filed against several persons in Cape Girardeau charging them with keeping their children out of school in violation of the law.

John Fitzwater, an underground driller at St. Joseph Lead Company Mine No. 14, at Leadwood, St. Francois county, was killed in a premature explosion Sunday, April 23rd.

Within the next ten days a small army of berry pickers will be given employment in the Ozark fruit belt, where the strawberry crop, somewhat reduced by the late freeze, will be started to market.

Yeggs broke into the Frisco station at Poplar Bluff last Saturday night, and by using nitro glycerine, blew open the safe and obtained \$300. They are thought to have fled south across the state line into northern Arkansas. Bloodhounds have been set on the trail but at last reports without success.

Joseph Perry, a well-known St. Francois county farmer, committed suicide last week, by setting off a fifteen pound box of dynamite. Part of his body was blown into atoms and the small pieces found after the explosion could hardly be recognized as being part of a human body. Perry's mind had been affected for several weeks; having worried since selling his farm, four weeks before his death.

The big elevator of the East St. Louis Cotton Oil Company was totally destroyed by fire at 10:30 this morning. Twenty-five thousand bushels of corn and sunflower seed to the value of \$3000 were consumed by the flames. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, with insurance on the building and contents of about \$15,000. The fire was supposed to have started in the conveyor. Three freight cars, the property of the Frisco railroad, were destroyed.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Yesterday afternoon at 3, a stroke of lightning hit on South Walnut, one block of this office, cutting in two the light line between Geo. Riddle's and Luther Welborn's. Arthur Wilcox was standing on the corner near Riddle's and was knocked down, and Mrs. C. A. Miller was shocked so severely, she was confined to her bed for hours. It knocked the plaster off Riddle's bath room, along the wire to the switch. The light meters in both Welborn's and Boyd's were wrecked. The Statesman force were so unnerved it took four Hire's root beers to get them to resume work.—Dexter Statesman.

Willie Baker, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker, living on the Carter farm west of town, was kicked in the head by a mule on last Saturday, the blow fracturing his skull. An older brother was leading the mules to water and Willie was following them when one of the mules suddenly wheeled and kicked, the blow striking the child in the right temple. Medical aid was immediately summoned and he was later taken to the Bonduant hospital at Cairo. He seemed to be better for a day or two, but on Tuesday he suddenly grew worse and died without regaining consciousness. The parents have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.—Dexter Messenger.

A Cape Girardeau woman stood for her husband beating her black and blue, but when he obtained a knife and slashed her feather bed she very properly appealed to the police.

It is a good wind that blows the right way at the right time. If the breeze had been in the other direction when the apple shed burned the other day at Goodman, the depot would have gone, too.

Having won fairly at the recent city election and also having made a satisfactory bond for \$30,000, Sam K. Black, at Fulton, assumes the position of city treasurer, which carries with it a salary of \$75 a year.

Under the headline, "A Campaign Lie," T. M. Mace, in the Linn Creek Reveille, says in an advertisement: "I will pay \$10 reward to any person making affidavit that I have ever voted the Democratic ticket."

Judge W. C. Ellison, who has been spending the winter in California for his health, has returned to his home at Maryville, apparently in better shape than he has been for years. He is holding court at Grant City this week.

The levee on the west side of Fishing river is finished. The work was completed in eight days. Length of the levy is four miles and 178 feet; width 8 to 10 feet and 3 to 8 feet deep; 50 men and 40 teams were on the job.—Orrick Messenger.

So many grafters and fake solicitors have found LaPlata a profitable field for operation that the Commercial club there has put in effect a drastic rule. Any member of the club who gives to a traveling solicitor shall be subject to a fine of \$10.

A silver quarter that he kept with him during four months in Andersonville prison when captured in the Civil war is the prized pocketpiece of George Moles of Adrian. Though searched when taken prisoner, Mr. Moles concealed the coin and has kept it all these years.

Unusual methods were employed at Vandalia in affecting the rescue of a valuable mare that fell into a well twenty-two feet deep. The owner, assisted by neighbors, began throwing hay in the well, the mare climbing on the hay as fast as she could, and at last reaching the top safely.

Senator W. J. Stone will introduce in the senate a bill providing for an appropriation of a \$20,000 fund for the erection of a monument in Washington to Gen. Alexander W. Doniphan, the Missouri commander who led 1,000 men on horseback from Missouri to Chihuahua during the Mexican war.

Dr. DeBerry will probably take the honors for having the first roasting ears in the county this year. During the nice weather in March he planted a few rows, taking a chance that the young stalks would not be frost bitten. The corn is growing nicely and is now about six inches high.—Liberty Advance.

When Mayor Robey of Maryville hands over the key to the city to visiting Knights of Columbus when the annual state convention is held there May 9 and 10, it will be no mere figure of speech, for a huge key—six feet long, to be nearly exact—will be extended to the visitors. When the convention adjourns the key will be returned to become stock property for similar occasions.

Insect Inklings.

T. J. Talbert, Missouri College of Agriculture.

Corn root worms yield best to crop rotation, systematic clean culture, and fall plowing.

Garden web worms eat alfalfa, live and spin webs over the plant. If your field is badly infested, cut the alfalfa and disc the ground.

Wire worms injure corn and potatoes most but feed freely on wheat and oats. They thrive best in sod ground and may be controlled by crop rotation, fall plowing, and good cultivation. So may the grub-worms.

Grasshoppers damage field and garden crops, and fruit and shade trees. Poison bran mash sowed early in the morning kills them and their eggs may be destroyed by cultivating pastures, meadows, and waste lands late in the fall.

Corn root lice suck the juices from the roots of corn, grasses, and weeds. They depend on colonies of small brown ants for protection and transportation and may be controlled by crop rotation, fall plowing, and early spring cultivation to destroy weeds and grasses.

The army worm which eats the leaves of field and garden crops may be trapped in dusty ditches or killed with poison bran mash sowed broad-cast late in the evening. Badly infested meadows should be cut at once to save as much of the hay as possible.

Hessian fly grubs feed between the leaf sheath and the stock at the crown and lower joints of the plant. Destroy the "flax seeds" which produce next year's crop by disking and plowing stubble as soon after harvesting as possible. Keep down all volunteer wheat, sow late in the fall and get your neighbors to do the same.

The chinch bug sucks the juices of corn, wheat, sorghums, and other plants of the grass family. The may be trapped in dusty ditches if they go from wheat to corn, or in rainy weather an oil or tar barrier may be necessary. If they get to the corn, spray it with soap suds, emulsion, or tobacco solutions. The clump forming grasses by road sides and in waste lands may be burned in late fall and early winter to kill chinch bugs which collect there for the winter.

The poison bran mash recommended by the Missouri College of Agriculture for the control of many insect pests is made of half a pound of powdered lead arsenate or half a pound of Paris green mixed with ten pounds of wheat bran. Add two gallons of water into which the pulp of two oranges or two lemons has been mixed together with a quart of molasses or syrup. This amount of poison bait is sufficient for sowing broadcast on two or three acres of the field to be protected. The proper use of this mixture in out worm time should save about half of the replanting each year.

We have heard that in tornadoes the great force of the wind was sufficient oftentimes to drive straws into telephone poles and doubted the story. However, Claude Lingle, a division man for the Kintoch, who is just home from the cyclone devastation near Rockville, states that at many places along the road he actually saw wheat straws imbedded in the telephone poles where the force of the wind had driven them.—Henry County Democrat.

BOY, 13, CHURCH ORGANIST

Young Muselman is Master of Difficult Selections—Plays All Sorts of High-Class Music.

Centralia, Kan.—Centralia people declare the town has the youngest church organist in the state, and probably the only boy organist. Edward Bragg is only thirteen years old, and when in his knee-pant suit he walks up into the choir gallery on Sunday mornings, strangers might think he was going to pump the church organ or maybe sing in a children's chorus, but would never suspect he was the church organist for a real grown-up choir, including music supervisors and teachers.

And when he gets on the bench at the organ you cannot see over the top of his head, so the music gives one the impression of coming from the organ without any assistance. When the services are over and Edward walks out, strangers are astonished. He shirks none of the regular program of the services, but plays voluntaries and anthems as well as the hymns, and chooses difficult, high-class music.

FINDS SELF AFTER BIG TRIP

He's Detroit Millionaire's Son, Says Strange Wanderer Who Discovers Himself in New Orleans.

New Orleans.—A story of loss of memory and identity and of wanderings from place to place for two weeks, until he found himself here was told here by Earl E. Devlin, twenty-eight years old, who said he was a son of a millionaire automobile manufacturer of Detroit.

He said that two weeks ago he felt an inexplicable desire to travel. He knew he boarded a train at Detroit, but from that time until he recovered his memory here, he said he found virtually was blank.

Newspaper accounts of his disappearance brought back his memory, he said.

Pet Mouse Saves Nine. Minneapolis, Minn.—A pet white mouse saved the lives of nine persons the other day when the home of Thomas Dromedoch caught fire. The mouse ran across the baby's face; it cried and awakened the mother, who alarmed the household.

Glee Club in Prison. Oosting, N. Y.—Inmates at Sing Sing prison have formed a glee club of 50 voices.

Because of the advance in the price of paper and other printing materials, many newspapers have quite properly advanced their rates.

Under identical conditions the railroads are denied this privilege.

Congressman Joe Russell of the Fourteenth district of Missouri is going in for preparedness in his district. Some weeks ago he obtained a pair of cannon for Farmington and Cape Girardeau has just been notified that two guns of the antiquated type will be sent there.

Harold Monk, 8 years old, of Skidmore, was seriously injured recently when he sat down with some caps in his hip pocket. In some unknown way the caps exploded and blew a hole in Harold's pocket, also set fire to his clothing. When the smoke cleared away the young man had several burns on his left hip from the waist to the knee.

Harry McIntosh, 19 years old, is being sought by the police because of an attempt to hold up the Mexico Savings bank Thursday. It is alleged he fired at Assistant Bookkeeper Joel Guthrie when the latter refused to put up his hands. When the robber noticed the other bank officers and several customers were in the building he turned and fled.

Three hundred dollars is the estimated cost to the state in settling a Johnson county squabble, which arose over a 30-cent fine assessed by a mutual telephone company operating at Leeton. The subscriber, a well-to-do farmer, refused to pay an assessment and was promptly fined 30 cents. The action brought before the utilities commission required nearly the whole of one day in hearing the evidence.